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Inventor(s): Matthew H. REILLY et al.

Confirmation No.: 3217

Application No.: 09/884,675

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Group Art Unit: 2183

Title: HARDWARE EFFICIENT HANDLING OF INSTRUCTION EXCEPTIONS TO LIMIT ADVERSE
IMPACT ON PERFORMANCE

Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

In response to the Office action of June 30, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.